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POLICIES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN; SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA;
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1. ON RECEIPT OF EMBOFF'S DESCRIPTION OF US POSITION OUT-
LINED IN REFTEL, FONMINISTRY OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE (JORGE
BERGUNO, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL AFFAIRS) JUNE 23 SAID CHILEAN
POSITION IS IN AGREEMENT. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CHILEAN
DELEGATION WILL BE TO AVOID COMMITTING THE GOC TO A POLICY
OF RESTRICTING INFORMATION. THE CHILEAN DEL SHOULD BE
FIRM, BUT AT THE SAME TIME NOT BECOME THE "CHAMPION OF
ANY POSITION."

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2. BERGUNO EXPLAINED THAT THE GOC BELIEVES FIRMLY THAT THE DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION SHOULD BE IN PRIVATE HANDS, EXCEPT FOR TV BECAUSE OF ITS SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS. THE GOC, HOWEVER, CANNOT AFFORD TO GET OUT IN FRONT IN THE DIS-AGREEMENT WITHIN UNESCO, SINCE IT COULD BE SUBJECT TO CRITICISM BECAUSE OF CHILE'S CURRENT DOMESTIC SITUATION. BERGUNO SAID THAT CHILE'S POSITION APPEARS TO BE IN THE MINORITY. HE MENTIONED PERU, COSTA RICA AND COLOMBIA AS FAVORING RESTRICTIONS, AND BRAZIL AS NOT FAVORING RESTRICTIONS BUT FROM A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT VIEWPOINT.

3. COMMENT: EMBOFF APPROACHED BERGUNO BEFORE MATERIAL MENTIONED IN PARA 8 REFTEL HAD BEEN RECEIVED, SINCE BERGUNO WAS LEAVING FOR EUROPE THE NEXT DAY. BERGUNO SAID CHILEAN DEL WILL BE HEADED BY COLONEL (ARMY) GASTON ZUNIGA PAREDES, DIRECTOR OF GOC OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS. HIS ATTITUDE MAY NOT BE AS ENLIGHTENED AS BERGUNO'S. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP WITH HIM ON SPECIFIC POINTS MENTIONED IN PARAS 8 AND 9 REFTEL. POPPER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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